PROTOCOL EXTENDING THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China;

Recognizing that the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed at Washington on January 31, 1979, as amended and extended (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), will terminate on April 24, 2006, and,

Acting pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the Agreement;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The Agreement will be extended for five years, effective from April 25, 2006. In doing so, the implementing accord and protocols that are coterminous with the Agreement shall be extended also.

Article II

This Protocol will enter into force on April 25, 2006.

DONE at Washington, this eighteenth day of April, 2006, in duplicate, in the English and Chinese languages, each text being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:

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